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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 31ST UNGA:CO-SPONSORSHIP FOR CORE GROUP
RESOLUTION

REF: STATE 206086; USUN 3322

1. WHILE SYMPATHIZING THOROUGHLY WITH DEPARTMENT/USUN
OBJECTIVE OF SECURING MAXIMUM CO-SPONSORSHIP TO FRIENDLY
RESOLUTION BY AUGUST 20, EMBASSY STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT IT
SHOULD BE RELIEVED OF REQUIREMENT TO APPROACH GSL WITH REQUEST
FOR CO-SPONSORSHIP.

2. LAST YEAR SRI LANKA ABSTAINED ON BOTH RESOLUTIONS. WHILE
FINAL LANGUAGE IN NAM SUMMIT DOCUMENTS IS STILL NOT KNOWN TO
US, EVERY INDICATION IS THAT IT WILL INCLUDE MUCH MORE OF
THE NORTH KOREAN FLAVOR THAN WE WOULD LIKE. PRIME MINISTER
BANDARANAIKE WILL ADDRESS UNGA ON SEPT. 30 AS CHAIRMAN OF
THE NASC AND WILL PRESENT ALL THE DOCUMENTS ISSUING FROM
IT, INCLUDING THOSE PORTIONS PERTAINING TO THE KOREAN
QUESTION. THERE IS, IN OUR OPINION, VERY LITTLE
CHANCE THAT HER GOVERNMENT WOULD AGREE TO
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COMPROMISE THE POSITION OF SRI LANKA AS CHAIRMAN OF

THE MOVEMENT AND ITS COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS BY TAKING PUBLIC SIDES IN SUCH A DISPUTE AGAINST A NAM MEMBER AND IN FAVOR OF ONE WHOSE MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN REJECTED.

3. WE DO NOT FEEL THAT THE DOUBLE ABSTENTION POSITION OF LAST YEAR CAN BE IMPROVED UPON. EFFORTS TO OBTAIN PUBLIC SUPPORT INFORM OF CO-SPONSORSHIP MAY WELL RESULT IN WORSENING OF SRI LANKAN POSITION ON TWO RESOLUTIONS THIS YEAR.

4. ALL OF ABOVE POINTS, WHICH WE DEEM ARE DECISIVE, MUST BE ADDED TO PHYSICAL IMPOSSIBILITY OF GETTING THE LOWEST JANITORIAL EMPLOYEE OF THE MDA TO FOCUS ON THIS OR ANY OTHER FOREIGN POLICY PROGRAM BEFORE AT LEAST AUGUST 23. AT THIS WRITING THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE SEEMS LIKELY TO GO INTO EARLY MORNING HOURS OF AUGUST 20, WHILE ANY SURPLUS GSL ENERGIES ARE EMPLOYED IN SEEING OFF DEPARTING CHIEFS AT AIRPORT.

5. ACCORDINGLY, WE DO NOT BELIEVE WE WILL BE ABLE TO DISCUSS KOREA WITH ANY SENIOR GSL OFFICIAL THIS WEEK.
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